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Good morning! On your schedule today: **Being outside**.

Bernie Sanders beat Hillary Clinton in Michigan on Tuesday; **Donald Trump** won among GOP voters in Michigan, Mississippi and Hawaii. And so the **battle for delegates** rolls on.

By the way, keep an eye on the calendar: To vote in New York's presidential primaries you've got **until March 25** to register.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo is in Albany today. To the headlines:

A coalition of politically wired public relations firms **sued** the state Joint Commission on Public Ethics, claiming that new rules that require reports on outreach to editorial boards violate the First Amendment. (TU)

Is Cuomo doing enough to achieve ethics reforms? Three leading good-government groups **answer "no."** (TU)

Advocates against assisted suicide are **pushing back** against aid-in-dying legislation. (TU)

Small-business operators say the \$15 minimum wage would **do damage upstate**. (TU)

A report from state Comptroller Tom DiNapoli's office shows that small businesses generate more than \$950 billion in annual revenues, roughly 43 percent of all business receipts in New York. What's more, small businesses here fared better from 2003 to 2013 than small businesses in the United States as a whole. (CapCon)

U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez endorsed Cuomo's paid family leave proposal on Tuesday. (NYSOP)

Lawmakers elected three new members to the Board of Regents. (TU)

Carl Paladino's new target: New York Republicans who refuse to endorse Trump. (SYR)

The state Public Service Commission is set to discuss how to provide some sort of subsidy for nuclear power under the proposed Clean Energy Standard, which will require the state to produce half of its electric power from renewable sources by 2030. (TU)

Energy service companies are blaming an article in the Village Voice for convincing Cuomo to introduce tough new consumer protection rules. (TU)

The Southern Tier's casino may have been the last to get a state recommendation, but it might be the first to open — the final beam of Tioga Downs' exterior shell was put in place on Monday. "There's no question we'll be the first to open," owner Jeff Gural said. (GNS)

The state Association of School Business Officials is out with a list of districts seeking tax-cap overrides and facing decreases. (CapCon)

Some New York lawmakers, parents and advocacy groups are calling for more state investment to transform low-income schools into community schools with wrap-around services. (CapCon)

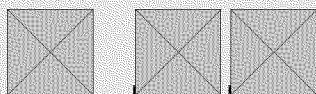
The town of Petersburg will get a new water filtration system, and Taconic Plastics is going to pay for it. (TU)

Noted: Neither Cuomo nor his windbreaker have yet to appear in Hoosick Falls. (Politico)

That'll teach 'em! "Baywatch" star Pamela Anderson tells Cuomo he should make state prisons go vegan. (CapCon)

And First Lady Michelle Obama honored a Bethlehem woman for her efforts to help fellow veterans. (TU)

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